



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool, wet conditions prevailed through most of Colorado, effectively limiting fieldwork. However, relatively large gains in planting of potatoes were realized within the San Luis Valley, where precipitation was sufficient, but isolated. Some localities experienced limited crop growth due to below normal temperatures. Although stripe rust was reported in the northeast and eastern districts, conditions were generally better than average for all small grains. Precipitation has continued to improve pasture conditions. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 83 percent average, and 16 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 95 | 87 | 96 | 96 |
| Emerged | 72 | 52 | 68 | 75 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 59 | 37 | 80 | 76 |
| Emerged | 28 | 14 | 21 | 20 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted | 10 | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| Onions | | | | |
| Planted | 93 | 88 | 95 | 97 |
| Potatoes | | | | |
| Inside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Planted..... | 47 | 29 | 58 | 64 |
| Outside San Luis Valley | | | | |
| Planted..... | 91 | 83 | 85 | 71 |
| Emerged | 38 | 9 | 37 | 25 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 18 | 15 | 23 | 16 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 64 | 59 | 92 | 90 |
| Emerged | 49 | 39 | 53 | 57 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 94 | 89 | 97 | 85 |
| Emerged | 53 | 26 | 59 | 41 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Jointed | 94 | 85 | 65 | 74 |
| Headed | 46 | 18 | 18 | 25 |
| Jointed..... | 1 | -- | -- | 1 |

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor | 5 | 6 | 14 | 13 |
| Poor | 19 | 19 | 27 | 22 |
| Fair | 28 | 31 | 29 | 32 |
| Good | 41 | 40 | 29 | 30 |
| Excellent | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 3.3 | 2.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 2 | 3 | 16 | 13 |
| Short | 15 | 15 | 36 | 24 |
| Adequate | 72 | 73 | 47 | 60 |
| Surplus | 11 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 6 | 7 | 26 | 19 |
| Short | 23 | 24 | 31 | 29 |
| Adequate | 65 | 64 | 42 | 51 |
| Surplus | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Commodity | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley | -- | -- | 38 | 60 | 2 |
| Onions | 2 | 3 | 27 | 55 | 13 |
| Spring wheat | -- | -- | 32 | 68 | -- |
| Winter wheat | 3 | 11 | 31 | 45 | 10 |
| Livestock | -- | 1 | 17 | 71 | 11 |

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